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MEMORANDUM FOR: Those Interested in FHA-Insured Multifamily
Housing

FROM: William C. Apgar, Assistant Secretary for Housing
-Federal Housing Commissioner, H

SUBJECT: Multifamily Accelerated Processing Guide

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is issuing a new Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) Guide, dated May 17, 2000 which may be used by MAP-approved Lenders and by HUD Offices to implement new processing procedures for HUD's major mortgage insurance programs for multifamily housing and for health care facilities. The MAP Guide is posted on the web to replace the draft version that is currently on the web. The net site is:

<http://www.hud.gov/fha/mfh/map/mapguide.html>

MAP establishes a national fast-track processing system for the most frequently used FHA mortgage insurance programs: Sections 221(d), 220, 232, 207/223(f), and 232/223(f). It replaces fast-track programs used by many Multifamily Hubs and Program Centers. Responsibility for preparation of the exhibits submitted with a pre-application or an application for a firm commitment is given to MAP-approved Lenders. The first group of Lenders are expected to be approved by June 1, 2000. The list of approved Lenders will be posted on the web.

The procedure by which a Lender applies for MAP approval as a Lender is set forth on the web at:

http://www.hud.gov/fha/mfh/map/invite_exhibit.pdf

The MAP Guide will be followed by a MAP Forms Book which will include all the HUD and FHA forms that are referenced in the Guide. The Forms Book will be posted on the web at a later date.

The MAP Guide will be revised from time to time on the web with an announcement made on the web each time a revision is made. Suggestions or corrections to the Guide from users may be made by e-mail to Eric_Stevenson@hud.gov.

Implementation of the MAP procedures will be in phases, beginning in early June and ending in late Summer.

The development of MAP procedures was particularly helped by the advice of HUD field staff and industry representatives at a series of meetings last year in five cities and by the extensive comments made on a draft of the Guide posted on the web. I appreciate the time and continued interest that has been devoted to this project.